

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 3, 14-17, 21, and 26 to improve form.

Applicants have also amended the specification to replace each occurrence of the term "management" with the term --control-- to conform the specification to the title of the application, which is descriptive of the method and apparatus disclosed and claimed.

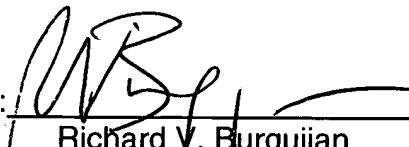
Applicants have amended the specification by submitting a substitute specification and a marked up version thereof pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b). The substitute specification includes no new matter. Applicants also propose amending Fig. 21 to change "management" to --control--. Replacement and Annotated drawing sheets reflecting this change are enclosed. The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the specification and claim amendments and proposed drawing changes prior to examination of the application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Substitute Specification
 Marked-up Specification
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes
 Replacement Sheet